BACH FESTIVAL CONTINUES TODAY

Bethlehem Choir, Soloists and Members of Philadelphia Orchestra to , Sing Mass

AUDIENCE ENTHUSIASTIC

Seven Cantatas Are Produced for First Time in This Country

BETHLEHEM, PA., June 2.-Tribute to the greatt German composer, Johann Sebas-tian Bach, is being paid by American music overs of Afteen States, who assembled at Lahigh University to hear the twelfth Bach Festival. The festival began yesterday and concludes today.

Under Dr. J. Fred Wolle, conductor, the Bethlehem Bach Chair of 100 volces gave a program of seven cantains and a motet. The accompaniment was by mem motes. The accompaniment was by members of the Philadelphia Orchestra and T. Edgar Shields, organist. The soloists were: Sopranos, Miss Marie Stoddart and Mrs. Midred Faas, of New York; alton Miss Marie Morrissey, of New York, and Mrs. Grace Harden, of Westfield, N. J.: tenor Nicholas Douty, of Philadelphia, who has sung at every Bach festival; hearon. Charles T. Tittman, of Washington, D. C., and Louis Kreidler, of Chicago.

Each session of the festival is annumed the Moravian trombone choir, which are chorales from the top of the lofty the tower of Packer Memorial Church on atone tower of Packer A

Special interest was attached to the seven cantatas and the motet rendered, as this was their first production in this cruntry. It continues Bethlehem's record of first American renditions. The cantatas were superbly sung by choir and soloists. Together with the motet, "The Spirit Also Helpeth Ua," these varied compositions were indicative of the brilliance and pictorial power of the composer. The audience rose and joined in the singing of the chorales. Teday's session at 2 p. m. and 5 p. m. Today's session at 2 p. m. and 5 p. m. will be devoted to the Mass in B minor, the tanth rendering of the mass by the Eethle-

U. S. OFFICIALS HERE GO ON ANNUAL OUTING

Sports and Luncheon on Program for Federal Officeholders at Almonessen

More than sixty persons will participate in the third annual outing of Pederal officials and their friends this afternoon at Amonessen Lake, N. J. The party will save the postoffice in automobiles at 17:30

The feature of the afternoon will be a susball game between the marshal's office and the clerks of the court's office. The impires will be United States Marshal Frank J. Noonan and United States Commissioner Howard M. Long. There will be bet races, boat races and quoit throwing. A luncheon will be served after the sports. Among those present will be: Judge O. Among those present will be: Judge O. Dickinson, Judge J. Whittaker Thomps, United States District Attorney Franis Fisher Kane, Assistant District Attorney Fisher Kane, Assistant District Attorney Jean B. Kremp, Assistant District Attorney Jehn Handy Hall, Chief Postal Inspect, James T. Cortelyou, Captain Matt Griffor the United States Secret Service; ank Garbarino, head of the Philadelphia anch of the Department of Justice; for Congressman J. Washington Logue; any Wessel, Jr.; Jerome Bennett, Joseph Siller, H. Aller, Person Willer, M. Aller, Person Willer, M. Aller, Person Willer, M. Aller, Person Willer, W. Aller, Person Willer, M. Aller, Person William, M. Al len, H. Allen Dawson, Willard M Harand United States Commissioner, ries W. Edmunds.

ts includes: George Brodbeck, chairman Harry J. J. O'Neill; Mathew Kelley; James J. Kenney; Joseph J. Ryan and Leo Lilly.

HOT FIGHT FOR MAYOR IN WILMINGTON TODAY

Result Expected to Be Very Close, With Both Sides Predicting Victory

WILMINGTON, Del., June 2. - Today will see the hardest contested municipal election ever held in Wilmington, Roth the Democrats and the Republicans are claiming the election of their candidates for Mayor. Wilmington is usually Republican by a majority of about 1500. In the last election James F. Price, who is again the Republican candidate for Mayor, was elected by a majority of more than 2300. It is admitted, however, that the result tomorrow will be close.

Workers who were with Alfred I. du Pont In the fight against Henry A. du Pont for opposing the re-election of Mayor Price and insist he is the candidate of the Republican organisation. The Nonpartisan Voters' League, supposed to be composed of labor men and others who are diseatisfied with the present Republican organization, is also making. the present Republican organization, is also making every effort to defeat the Republi-can candidate.

John W. Lawsen, paymaster for the Pennsylvania Railroad, is the candidate of the Democratic party and is making an active canvass. Dissatisfied Republicans declare they will support Lawson in the context today, but the friends of Price claim that not enough votes can be turned to defeat their candidate.

Last night after the preliminaries had Last night after the preliminaries had been reviewed James Salusbury, chairman of the Democratic City Committee, and Isaac W. Bowers, chairman of the Republican First District Committee, predicted success for their sides. There was more talk of negro repeaters being brought here, but if they were the authorities found no trace of them. During the day the wards where there are numerous negro voters were cannased by a negro from Baltimore or Washington and the houses flooded with a negro neumapar from Baltimore, in which was a long article declaring Mayor Price to be the candidate of the "gang" and urging the perces to yote against Price.

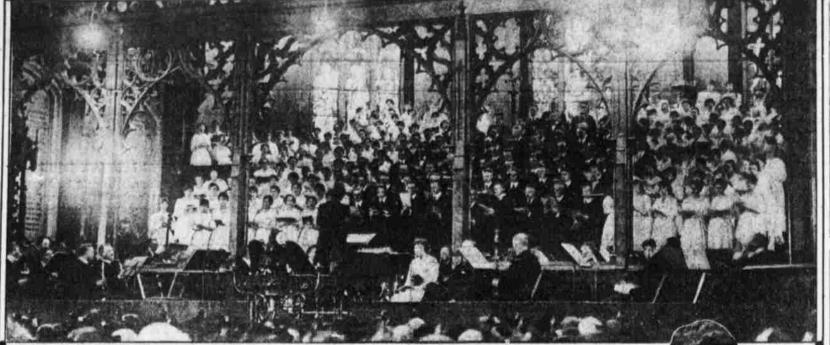
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fost of the active politicians of both par-resnained up all night. The last its of the campaign were fired by Democrate printing articles charging par Price with having failed to improve sity government, and the Republicans waring these charges, and also intimat-that out-of-town men were running the scaling and trying to defeat the Republi-

There is expecial importance attached to the election because the appointments of the Mayor to be elected will change the solitized complexion of the street and sewer repartment and the water commission, each of which employs a large number of men, and slee of the Board of Health.

Coulition Cabinet for Canada

MUSIC LOVERS FLOCK TO BETHLEHEM



"JEFF" GRADUATES 140 NEW PHYSICIANS

Largest Medical Class of Any U.S. School This Year Granted Diplomas

COMMENCEMENT

Honors Awarded and Degrees Bestowed at Academy of Music at Noon Today

ninety-second annual comof Jefferson Medical College was held at 12 o'clock mon today in the Academy of Music. The graduating class numbered 149 men, which is said to be the largest number men, which is said to be the largest number to be graduated by any medical achool in the United States this year.

The degrees were conferred by William Potter, president of the board of trustees. Prizes were awarded by Dr. Ross V. Patterson, dean of the college. The valedictory address on "The Soul of Service" was delivered by E. E. Spatks, president of the Panneylyania State College. The invection

Pennsylvania State College. The invocation and benediction were offered by the Roy. John H. Chapman, rector of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill.

U. S. FLAG ON FRONT WILL INSPIRE BIG DRIVE

Most Gigantic Forward Move Will Follow Arrival of American Troops, Says Allied Diplomat

WASHINGTON, June 2. "Immediately after the Stars and Stripes are first flung to the breeze over the trenches in Europe, within the next few months, you will see the most gigantic drive forward that the history of war has

ver known."
This was the prediction made today by diplomat of the Allies, recently arrived ere from Europe.

When the fighting men of Europe know that America's military strength actually is with them, they will push on with a great force that will be a marvel to the nlitary men of the world, the envoy said.
"The English Tommy," the French
poliu" and the Italian bersagileri ali have the utmost respect for the fighting man

from the States. "We of Europe already feel the psychological effect of your entrance into the war, and now we are waiting for the physical impact that is bound to spur our meon when they see your glorious fing flying healde the flags of the other allies."

ANOTHER \$100,000,000 LOAN TO ITALY LIKELY

Indicated as Development of Conferences of Mission and American Officials

WASHINGTON, June 2. — Formal conferences between the Italian mission and American officials have reached the stage where it seems probable that another loan of \$100,000,000 would be made to Italy for June, and that in spending this sum in the United States Italy would join the proposed common purchasing agency of all Allied nations. Within the next few days the existing Italian purchasing commission here is likely to spend the remaining balance of the first \$100,000,000 loan made by the United States.

The Italian mission has only two more days here before leaving Monday on a ten-day tour of the United States, but members plan to return to Washington after the trip. The mission will visit the flouse today.

National Guard Appointments HARRISBURG. June 1.—Dr. Robert L. Griffith has been appointed a first lieutenant of the dental corps of the National Guard. Second lieutenants named were Charles M. Ferst. Jr., Rattery E. Second Arillary, and Joseph J. Sullvan, Company



Directors Decide to Close Institution Before End of Present Month

TAKE NO MORE PATIENTS

The Stetson Hospital, the gift of the late John B. Stetson to the people of Kensing-ton, will be closed and pass out of exis-tence before the end of this month, accord-ing to a decision of the board of directors. Announcement has been made that pa-tients will be treated at the dispensary until June 9. The hospital doors will close when the last patient now in its care is

discharged.
The decision to close the hospital was reached after members of the board had heard the report of Dr. Lewis B. Somers, the medical director. In explaining the needs of the institution he said that \$150. needs of the institution he said that \$159,000 would be necessary for improvements.

Motion then was made by a member of the heard to close the hospital. The motion was carried. The police were notified to bring no more accident cases to the institution. The staff was notified.

Stetson Hospital was founded in 1887 and incorporated in 1896. Since the executor of

corporated in 1896. Since the erection of the present building. Fourth street and Montgomery avenue, in 1905, the hospital has treated 10.546 "in-patients," which, has treated 19,540 "in-patients," which, with the 88,323 treated in the dispensary, makes the total for eleven years 98,862.

of the hospital board, declined to make any statement regarding the closing. From another source it was learned that no hint of the action had been conveyed to the hospital staff, nurses and employes prior to the decision of the board.

The staff includes two resident physicians, eighteen pupil nurses, about twenty-five graduate nurses and more than a dozen other employes. There are fifty-eight beds in the institution, and most of them are occurred.

of them are occupied.

Officers of the hospital are: President, J. Howell Cummings; medical director, Dr. Lewis S. Somors; secretary and treasurer, A. T. Freeman, The board of directors include William F. Fray, Edwin F. Keen, George A. Elsasser, John B. Stetson, Jr., Frank Thompson, Theodore Finkenauer, N. H. Latzlers, Walter S. Westerway, Even. H. Larzelere, Walter S. Westerman, Fred-erick Oberle, Milton D., Gebris, J. Oliver Potis, Monte H. Wright, Thomas St. J. Westerveit, Harry E. DePuy and Thomas E. Winstanley. E. Winstanley.

According to the report of the treasurer, the total receipts from November 11, 1915, to October 31, 1916, were \$42,987.38, and the total disbursements during the same period were \$42,958, leaving a balance on hand of

STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE GAINS IN IMPORTANCE

Events of Last Twenty-four Hours Bring Socialist Peace Efforts Prominently Before Public

LONDON, June 2. Greater importance is now being attached to the international Socialist peace conference in Stockholm than ever before. Events of the last twenty-four hours have brought it prominently to the fore in public attention. The action of the French Government is

The action of the French Government in refusing passports to French Socialists was a severe blow to those promoting the conference, and it is evident that the view of the French Government is similar to that of the American Government.

The United States was the first nation to refuse passports to Socialists seeking to go to Stocicholm, and British Socialists are waiting with keen curiosity to see if any other Government follows a similar example.

The belief is expressed in some circles that the opinions given at Stockholm may give a common ground for peace discussions

give a common ground for per between the warring Bowers. Stricken After Eddystone Explosion HAZLETON, Pa., June I.— Escaping uniqued from the Eddystone explosion, although in a compariment where the shock was severely feit. Michael Galiagher, of this city, died here of typhoid fever, with which he was stricted moon after the fatal

FROM UNDER LASH

Shows Signs of Balking at Wilson Flogging for War Bills

ABSOLUTISM IS FEARED

Seven Bach cantatas were pre-

sented for the first time in this

country. The top illustration shows

the Bach Festivas Choir in the

pold Stokowski, conductor of the

Philadelphia Orchestra, led the

singers and musicians. In the

group photograph are Raymond

Walter, Dr. H. S. Drinker and A.

M. Cleaver, officers of the Bach Federation.

Parker Memorial Church.

WASHINGTON, June 2.

The tendency of Congress to delegate absolute and dictatorial powers to the President during the war period is disappearing. A strong reaction has set in, manifesting itself in a growing opposition to the further transfer of the legislative functions to the executive branch of the Government.

Here are some of the algan of the pen-Here are some of the aigns of the penlulum's backward swing:

The slashing of \$300,000,000 from the war revenue bill over the Administra-tion's direct protest.

The killing of the censorship provision f the esplonage bill despite the President's insistence.

The revolt on the Democratic side against the Administration preferential routing bill called a "disguised antistrike" measure.

The refusal of the House conferees to accept the Senate's \$750,000,000 shipping provision in the army and navy war budget.

The growing sentiment against the establishment of a food dictatorship during the war period. This does not mean necessarily that Con-

gress will refuse or fail to back the Presi-dent to the limit in the prosecution of the war, but rather that it will insist on having its "say" about the conduct of the Government during the war. FEAR ABSOLUTISM

There is an increasing fear in both houses and in both parties in Congress that some of the "absolutism" now being conferred upon the Administration in the form of war upon the Administration in the form of war power may be retained after peace is de-clared and that it may be difficult to shake off some of the autocratic authority that may be fastened upon the country while it is fighting Germany. Much of the legisla-tion pressingly needed for the prosecution of the war has been passed, and Congress is going to take its time and give more careful consideration to the bills it passes here-after. after.

oreover, that Congress should stay in session throughout the war period and, as a result, they are not in any hurry to ring the adjournment gong. For instance, the Senate has been considering a minor food bill more than ten days although those in charge of the measure predicted it would be passed in a day.

The Senate Finance Committee is putting The Senate Finance Committee is putting the finishing touches to the war revenue bill, having pruned it down to approxi-mately \$1,500,000,000, despite the objections of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, who wanted \$1,800,000,000.

STRIKE BILL CONTEST

Senator Hollis, of New Hampshire, was ready today to launch a vigorous fight against the so-called preferential bill, which many members of Congress suspect of being an anti-strike bill under new alias and in a new make-up.

The censorship provision is "dead as a doornal. It will be officially interred by the conferees on the esplonage bill. Shorn of this contested section, the bill probably will be agreed to now without much further objection.

ther objection.

The army and navy war budget, carrying about \$3,240,000,000 is back again in conference where further efforts will be made today to bring about an agreement over the section authorizing a \$750,000,000 expenditure for shipping and making the President virtually the shipping dictator of the United States.

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EDUCATIONAL.

\$40,000 DAMAGE IN FRANKFORD FIRE

One Man Missing and Several Firemen Overcome in Blaze

BLASTS INCREASE PERIL

One man is missing, several firemen were overcome by smoke and property valued at \$40,000 was destroyed as the result of a

A40.000 was destroyed as the result of a spectacular fire which swept the Barrett Manufacturing Company, at Tucker and Bernuda streets, last night. Two alarms were turned in.

The missing man was a negro worker named Joe. He was seen a few minutes before the fire started in one of the buildings that was burned to the ground. The firemen overcome were treated by physicians of the Frankford Hospital. After receiving first aid, all insisted pluckly on resuming their places at the fire line.

The fire was spectacular, and that section of Frankford was turned temporarily at-The fire was speciacular, and that section of Frankford was turned temporarily almost into a realistic battlefield. The fire started in one of two buildings used for the storage of maphasine, and explosion followed explosion in rapid succession. These were accompanied by streams of liquid fire,

asphyxiating gases and dense clouds or smoke, which hindered the firemen in their One freight car, fully loaded with naptha-One freight car, this stated with hapta-line, was saved by dragging it from the yard by means of a large motortruck. Twenty horses stabled nearby also were

Thousands of residents were attracted to

Thousands of residents were attracted to the scene. The police lead great difficulty in handling the crowd, especially when it was rumored that several men had been burned to death. The police were assisted by Boy Scouts of Troops 19 and 21.

An official of the company said the fre was caused by a tank overflowing and the contents coming in contact with fire is a stove. Coal-tar products are manufactured at the plant. W. B. Murphy, superintendent of the plant, placed the damage estimate at \$40,660.

COALITION MAY SOLVE CANADA'S DRAFT ISSUE

Laurier Asked by Premier Borden to Aid in Forming New Cabinet

OTTAWA, Ont., June 2.
Premier Borden has called upon Sir Wil-frid Laurier, the Opposition leader, and asked his assistance in forming a coalition

It was reported upon reliable authority It was reported upon reliable authority that the Fremier offered to allow Sir Wilfrid to name half the members of the new Government and to grant the Liberals authority equal to that given to the Conservatives in all questions of administration.

The condition attached to the proposal was that if voluntary enlistment, after a fair trial, did not provide the number of

men necessary to keep the five Canadian divisions now in overseas service up to strength, a measure of compulsory service should be put into effect.

Sir Wilfrid is understood to have prom-

Sir Wifrid is understood to have prom-ed that his answer to the proposal shall e given Sunday night.

he given Sanday night.

If the coalition proposals are accepted there will be an extension of the term of Parliament, probably for another year. If it is not accepted, the issue of compulsory sorvice will be referred to the people for decision in a general election.

Although Sir Wilfrid has been asked to assist in the formation of the proposed condition, it is not known whether he will enter the Government himself or remain on the criticizing side of the House.

(Extracts from Evening Ledger, May 28, 1917)

DELAY TRANSIT TO BETTER TIME, MAYOR URGES

Frankford Elevated Excepted, as Contracts for It Are Satisfactory

Mayor Smith frankly declared today that in view of present abnormal condi-tions he favored the postponement of the ransit construction program until such time as it shall be physically and financially possible to proceed with the work. THE MAYOR MADE THE EXCEPTION, THE MAYOR MADE THE EXCEPTION, HOWEVER, THAT THE FRANKFORD ELEVATED SHOULD BE COMPLETED FROM BRIDGE STREET SOUTH and the contracts for the subway delivery loop and the Broad street subway from South to Stiles street, for which bids were opened several months ago, should be appeared as a contract to Public Service. awarded as soon as the Public Service Commission grants the necessary certifi-

THE MAYOR FURTHER SAID "The Frankford elevated should be pushed to completion at once. It should us operated, too, as soon as completed."

I offer for sale the ONLY acreage adjoining the Frankford Elevated, at Bridge Street Terminal, referred to above by Mayor Smith Twenty-three acres, including sewer, water, street paving, etc., on a large part

of the front Nothing like this offering for speedy profit and quick development exists, directly at the ONLY HIGH SPEED LINE that will be in operation for next five

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years.

Hay 25, 1917

. Wear Oad, I had more fun than a littletobadillax eight and this afternoon be took a bunchef us fillows for a fine tide through the Park and out in The country. all the time I was in the car I was wish ing we had one like it for the ather and yourself and Bud and Clair and me. See, we could certainly have good times together with a car like that.

And listen, Dad, all us fellows thoght it was a brand new automobile, but 18 to back tobe at the badillac place-you know whereit is, in Bred you see the fine automobiles in their yed has Department. You will certainly make a big hit with Bother and us hids if you bry a badillace ight. a new cheep machine aint good frough for P. S. Do you want me to go will Raymond.